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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for January 1920

SUBJECT.

Irregularities in the purchas
of seed grains by the Agricult
Inspector Davangere

(38) From S. Rangaswami
Late Agrl Insptr Davang
prays for revision of G
No G. 27366-71/PP 41-18-5
Dy 5-6-19 regarding his dismissal
to the Dr of Agrle.

(46) Insp.-Genl. of Police
Forwd Confidl
Copy to Govt & A
Dr of Chitteson
Fuel compt to Govt
Revenue Secretary

mrk
12/8/20

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 41

FILE HEADING.

Irregularities in the purchase of seed grain by the Agricultural Inspector - Davangere.

From

S. Rangasami, late Agri: Inspector. Dava. - Gen

No. Petn Dated 14.7.19 Received 14/15.7.19

Diary No. 1032	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 38

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

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Prays for reconsideration of Govt order No. G 27366-71/ P.P 41-18-35 of 5.6.19 directing his dismissal from service in respect of certain irregularities in the purchase of jola for seed purposes at Davangere

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Send with refers.

HG 16.7.19

2 Please note if any new facts — which were not before Govt before now put forward by the appellant

SBA 22.7.19

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Subd - no new facts appear to have been put forward

hg 24/7/19

Yhe Asst Director has asked the Quarter Capt to consult the Rev. authorities in the matter of purchases & timely warnings told to him that he (A. D.) had written to the Tahsildar. And yet the appellant did not go to the Tahsildar & try to beat down the price as suggested by the A. D.

The appellant further wrote to the A. D. that the commanding price was Rs 14 to 15 whereas a matter of fact it was Rs 8-8-0 per palla only.

It was his duty not to purchase grain at price exceeding the maxima fixed by Govt.

As no new grounds are put forward in the appeal it may perhaps be dismissed

Chief Secy J 24.7.19

7 & E
Letter 27.12.19

Purchase made on 19.12.18

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Noted 25/11/19

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8 I do not think the case merits such a summary rejection. It may be considered after Director of Agriculture makes his remarks on it. Appeal should have been submitted through the 3rd Member.

436 25.7.09

~~Examined and submitted~~ 28/7/09

~~In detail a Register of Appeals~~

~~This Case was duly considered~~

10 As suggested by the Chief Secy, his memorial may be sent to the Director of Agriculture for his remarks as to

Rec'd 1-8-09

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Draft sent 1-8-09.

11 Draft sent

1/8/09

1-8-09

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To

The Dr of Agriculture in Mysore

No. S. 26428/1.8.19

Sir The memorial refd to u/r no 1032 for favour

From the Dr of Agriculture no 1631/C282 & 2.9.19

Recommends that S. Ranga-sawmi's case may be re-considered & that the proposals subd by the offg Director with regard to him be sanctioned.

B The precis file on the subn has been put up by the Confdl Branch in connection with refce from the offg: Dr re para 4 of the G.O. & 5.6.19 - which is bef Council.

hrg 14 Ask for the return of the petn sent from this office.

5/9/19

Boo
5-9-19

15 Draft Subd

28.9.19 16 Boo

6-9-19

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Meantime get at the main file & take extracts of offg Dr's letter, & Govt's order re Ranga-sawmi & his explanation with Asst Secy

Boo
5-9-19

File rcvd & avail re

Sec A

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From the Dy Agriculture
No 1786/C282 & 17.9.19
Returning the [illegible]
- Secretariat.

17 Send with refices.

The Dy Agriculture recommended separately that the remarks against Mr H.S. Krishnayya - Off. Dr. - in the ACRs, may be reconsidered and a reply is under issue stating that Govt do not see any reason to withdraw the remarks

Mr
3/9/19

A kind reference is invited to the Off[g] Director's letter dated the 3rd April 1919 in which he recommends that the Inspector be reduced from Rs 500/- in the grade 500-6-700 & Rs 460/- in the grade 300-6-500.

2 to paras: 30, 33, 40, & 44 of the notes, paras 5 of the Book-order & the Collector

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(P.P.41 of 1884-29-35) put up, as regards the Inspector. The Director recommends that the original recommendation may be sanctioned as dismissal is too severe a punishment

Mr recommends only warning & intimation in continuation of the warning

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~~2nd~~

4 Submitted for consideration. It seems to me that dismissal is somewhat more severe a punishment than called for in the case. A period of suspension followed by reduction would perhaps be adequate

3rd member
Dewan

1106
5.9.19

Sd/-
Secretary

20 I have carefully perused the memorial submitted by the Inspector, its Enclosures, as also the connected papers relating to this case; and I am obliged to come to the conclusion that the memorialist did not merit such a severe punishment as dismissal.

4 The Enclosures to his memorial show that he was keeping his Asst Director informed of every step of the transaction (for the purchase of steel plates) and was also always acting under his instructions: In this circumstance this Asst Director was as much to blame as, if not more than, the Inspector for having allowed the steel plates to be purchased at

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higher than the Contractor or Commanders notes.

2. There does not appear to have been any mala fides or dishonesty on the part of the Inspector. It is true they, the Revenue officers & Blaine have helped & co-operated in the purchase of the Coal from the Director Coast Lines (Inland Lines) Corrector Lem & given him proper directions in this respect but does not do so. In the circumstances, I am of opinion that the modification of the order dismissing the Inspector the punishment may be reduced to one of suspension for 3 months

Dewan

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Dewan 18-10

may be circulated for consideration in Council

Circulate 21-10-19

CS 20/10/19

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on OCT 20 1919
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Upon no intimating circumstance
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Inspector's character or character,
& the Special Revenue Inspector declaring
Mr. Assistant Director. In the absence
of the Director, the Assistant Director
writes to the Inspector to send
the Assistant Inspector's report
stating "you must go through the orders
given to the Inspector to help you in
reducing the price." The Inspector
did not consult the Assistant
Director, though the Assistant Director
was available there for the purpose. The
Assistant Director wrote there on the
13th December intimating to the Head
the Director's proposal about the
price & advising him to reduce the
price and "bring it down to as near
the standard price as possible". Under
the employing with these instructions
the Inspector went on the 14th
the Assistant Director stating that the
Commanderee price of the
between 14 & 15 rupees an acre

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false statement & induce persons to purchase the stamps as genuine. The stamps sent to him could have easily gone where & asked for his aid and assistance. The Govt. Govt. Officers who were on the spot could also have given him any help. There is no excuse what soever for him to make a false statement about his circumstances & place.

As regards his guilty knowledge, his conduct is suspicious when taken in his favour. He has stated that he could purchase in the place was the stamps were, he should the Govt. Officers present him to make his purchase & not go again inspite of his representation, but his movements can be observed subsequently while he was there and could have found him & his real state & things

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(For Disposal at a Meeting)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Under Clause v of the schedule.)

Representation of S. Rangasami for a reconsideration of paragraph 5 of Government order No. G.27366-71/pp.41-18-35 dated 5th June 1919, dismissing him from service in connection with irregularities in the purchase of jola seed by him as Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug District.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram

Chief Secretary to Government.

..... 25th October 1919.....

Extraordinary Member of Council.

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3-11-19

First Member of Council. Seen
4.11.19

Second Member of Council. Seen by the Member

Third Member of Council. Opinion recorded.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 511th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 13th November 1919.

8. Subject. - Clause v of the schedule.

Representation of S.Rungaswami for a reconsideration paragraph 5 of Government Order No.G.27366-71/P.P.41-18-35 dated 5th June 1919 dismissing him from service in connect with irregularities in the purchase of jola seed by him as Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug.

Opinion of the Council.

The Council do not consider that there is sufficient reason to reconsider the orders already passed. (The Third Member adheres to the opinion recorded in the file.)

(Signed) M. Kantaraj Urs,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT'

C.S.Balasundaram Ayyar

Chief Secretary to Government.

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WD 1233—GPB—60,000—1-12-16—S.

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To the Under Secretary, Branch II (Political),

for kindly submitting the file to the Third Member of Council with a draft Final Note.

U.S. 14/11/19

D.S. BDD 18-11-19

Draft Final Note put up

WG 17/11/19

Type the draft, please

BDD 18-11-19

Attended to & returned

WG 19/11/19

3rd Member)

BDD 19-11-19.

Final note is put up

Jay 26/11/19

D.S.N. Submitted. (unsigned)

WW 27/11/19

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Final Note by the ~~First~~ Member of Council.

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Subject:— *Memorial of S.Rangasami, Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug, praying for a re-consideration of paragraph 5 of Government Order No.G.27366-71/P.P.41-18-35 dated 5th June 1919 dismissing him from service in connection with certain irregularities in the purchase of jola by him.*

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1. In connection with certain irregularities brought to notice regarding the purchase of seed jola by the petitioner S.Rangasami at rates far in excess of those prescribed by Government, the Offg.Director of Agriculture in his letter dated the 3rd April 1919 recommended among other matters that he might be reduced from the grade Rs.50-4-70 to Rs.46 in grade Rs.30-4-50 as his conduct was open to grave suspicion though there was no direct evidence of actual misappropriation of Government money by him. The then First Member of Council Mr.K.S.Chandrasekhara Aiyar was M. J *of opinion that the petitioner was grossly and culpably negligen in the discharge of his duties, if he was not acting dishonestly of which there was no proof, and that the punishment proposed by the Offg.Director seemed to err on the side of leniency but migh suffice for a first instance of dereliction of duty. But as the then Dewan (Mr.A.R.Banerji) did not agree to the punishment proposed and as the higher officers were also involved in the affai the matter was considered in Council and it was resolved that the Assistant Director should be severely censured and the Inspector (petitioner) dismissed from the service. The opinion of the Council having been approved by His Highness, orders were* Z. *issued dismissing the petitioner. On this, the petitioner has submitted the memorial under consideration praying for a reconsideration of the order and for ~~his~~ re-instatement in his ap*

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appointment for the reasons detailed in the memorial.

Later under Proposal II

2. Dr. Coleman to whom the memorial was forwarded for his remarks stated that the previous record of the Inspector was a good one, that he had gone through the papers connected with the case, that the Inspector had to work under great difficulties, that the charge that he had purchased seed jola which was unfit for human consumption had not been substantiated, that the most serious fault against him was his incorrect statement regarding the controlled price of jola, that dismissal was an extremely severe punishment in ~~the~~ case and that the original proposal of the Offg. Director recommending ~~his~~ Inspector reduction might be sanctioned.

Para 20 of Notes.

3. When the file came to me, I recorded the following minute:-

"I have carefully perused the memorial submitted by the Inspector and its enclosures, as also all the papers relating to the case and I am obliged to come to the conclusion that the memorialist did not deserve such a severe punishment as dismissal.

"The enclosures to his memorial show that he was keeping the Assistant Director informed of every stage of the transaction (for the purchase of seed jola) and was all along acting under his instructions. In the circumstances, the Assistant Director was as much to blame as, if not more than, the Inspector for having allowed the seed grain to be purchased at higher than the controlled or commandeering rates.

"There does not appear to have been any <u>mala fides</u> or dishonesty on the part of the Inspector. His fault lay chiefly in not having consulted the Revenue officers and obtained their help and co-operation in the purchase of the seed grain. The Assistant Director could have (and should have) corrected and given him proper directions in this respect but did not do so. In the circumstances, I am of opinion that in modification of the order dismissing the Inspector, the punishment may be reduced to one of suspen-

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suspension for three months'

4. The matter was considered in Council on the 13th November 1919 when it was resolved by the majority that there was not sufficient reason to re-consider the orders already passed.

Haq J.

5. With due deference to the opinion of my learned Colleagues, I am, for reasons which I have detailed in the annexed Note, obliged to adhere to the opinion already expressed by me in my minute quoted in paragraph 3 supra.

6. I submit the case for the gracious orders of His Highness.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

26/11/19

N O T E.

The charges against the Inspector are:-

I. that the jola purchased by him was unfit for seed purposes.

II. that he paid Rs.16-8-0 for it when the commandeering price was only Rs.8-8-0; and

III. that in one of his letters to the Assistant Director, he made a deliberately false statement by saying that the commandeering price of jola was between Rs.14 and Rs.15 per palla when, as a matter of fact, it was only Rs.8-8-0 per palla.

2. With regard to the above charges, the following points are clearly made out by the enclosures to the petitioner's memorial as also the other papers in the file:-

CHARGE I.

(1) Seed jola of superior quality could not be had as the stock had been exhausted -(vide Agricultural Inspector's letter dated 29th Nov.1918 to the Assistant Director. The Inspector had therefore to purchase the best that was available.

(2) Though the jola purchased by the Inspector was of inferior quality it was not so bad as to be quite unfit for consumption or seed purposes (Vide pages 3 and 4 of the Offg.Director's letter dated 3rd April 1919).

CHARGE II.

(1) Notwithstanding the fact that the commandeering price of jola was fixed by Government at Rs.8-8-0 per palla, seed jola commanded locally a price of Rs.20 to Rs.28-8-0 per palla (Vide Harihar Dy.Amildar's and Hirayur Amildar's letters dated 21st November and 4th Decem-

Decmeber 1918 respectively)

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(2) On 9th December 1918 in response to an urgent communication from the Assistant Director requiring prompt and energetic action in the purchase of seed grains, the Inspector wired that he had purchased 175 pallas at Rs.20 and this was evidently approved by the Assistant Director in his reply to the Inspector of the same date

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(3) On 14th December 1918 the Inspector wrote to the Assistant Director saying that the commandeering price of jola was between Rs.14 and Rs.15, that the Director had authorized paying 50 per cent more for seed jola, that he was trying his best to reduce the price of the jola that he purchased to Rs.17 or 18 and that if the rate be approved, he would proceed with the purchase.

(4) Later on, in reply to a letter from the Asstt: Director dated 14th December 1918 asking him to reduce the price to Rs.15 per palla, the Inspector replied on 17th December that with the greatest difficulty he had reduced the price to Rs.16-8-0 and asked for the approval of the rate.

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(5) The Assistant Director wrote to the Director on 17th December 1918 saying that the Inspector had been asked to purchase 225 pallas more at Rs.18 per palla.

The above facts go to shew that in paying at the rate of Rs.16-8-0 per palla - which was no doubt far in excess of the commandeering rate prescribed by Government - for the jola purchased by him, the Inspector did not act without the knowledge of his superior officers, but that on the other hand, he made the purchase with their full knowledge and approval. In the circumstances, it is difficult to believe that he was actuated by dishonest or ~~fraudulent~~ fraudulent motives in making the purchase. It may also be added that the fact that the merchant who sold the seed to the Inspe

at Rs.16-8-0 per palla was prepared to take it back at Rs. 18 per palla (Vide Director's letter dated 7th March 1919 to the Food Controller) shows that whatever might have been the commandeering rate, the local market rate was more than that paid by the Inspector.

CHARGE III.

With regard to the statement made by the Inspector in his letter dated 14th December 1918 to the Assistant Director that the commandeering price of jola was between Rs.14 and 15 per palla, it was open to the Assistant Director to have corrected the mistake and pointed it out to the Inspector as soon as he received the letter. That he did not do so shows that he was himself probably ignorant of the commandeering rate fixed by Government; and if he did not know it, it is no wonder that the Inspector had no better knowledge in the matter. If the Inspector knew the Commandeering rate to be Rs.8-8-0 but nevertheless made a deliberate statement that it was between Rs.14 and Rs.15, it would, as observed on page 3 of the Offg.Director's letter dated 3rd April 1919 point to an amount of surprising boldness on ~~the~~ his part ~~of the Inspector~~ which is highly improbable.

3 For the above reasons, I am of opinion that a case of deliberate falsehood or dishonesty is not made out against the Inspector. He was, however, seriously to blame in not acquainting himself correctly with the commandeering rates fixed by Government and in not applying to and seeking the help of the Revenue authorities for purchasing the seed grain required by him, and fixing the price to be paid therefor. In this view, I think that the punishment of dismissal meted out to him is too severe and drastic and that suspension for a few months will sufficiently meet the requirements of the case.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

26/11/19

Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith a final note by the Third Member of Council on the subject, viz., memorial of S.Rangasami, Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug, praying for a reconsideration of paragraph 5 of Government Order No.G.27366-71/P.P.41-18-3[illegible] dated 5th June 1919 dismissing him from service in connection with certain irregularities in the purchase of jola by him.

2. The memorial was considered in Council on the 13th November 1919 when the majority of the Members were of opinion that there was no sufficient reason to reconsider the orders passed. The Third Member was of opinion that, as there is no direct proof of dishonesty on the part of Rangasami, the order of dismissal was too severe a punishment.

Dr.Coleman, who was consulted on the subject, said that the previous record of the Inspector was a good one and that he had to work under great difficulties. He also personally represented to me that dismissal was too hard a punishment for the negligence shown by the Inspector.

I therefore consider that it would be a sufficient punishment if he be regarded as under suspension for the period which has already expired and also reduced by one grade. This may be graciously approved.

30 Nov 1911

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

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Subject.

Memorial of S.Rangasami, Agricultural Inspector, praying for a reconsideration of the Government Order dismissing him from service in connection with certain irregularities in the purchase of jola by him.

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Order.

~~KRW~~
22/12/19

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of (*)

His Highness' orders $\frac{\text{before}}{\text{after}}$ issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure).

Chief Secretary to Govt. 29-1-219

Through the Secretary to Government,

....Department.

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30-12-19

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL

TEMPORARY MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Draft put up
The draft follows the recommendations of Mr Coleman & Mr Krishnaswami in regard to pay subsequent to reduction
Hg 2/1/20 Boss 2-1-20.

Chiefly
Issue.

(Is it necessary to add that the suspension does not affect previous service &c - Please refer to Misl if any addn is necessary please make it & let me see draft again

CSS 3/1/20
Boss 5-1-20

Under Art 286(a) suspension automatically followed by reinstatement does not entail forfeiture of past service -

A declaration that the past service of the Offl counts appears to be necessary under Art 284 M-S-R
Hg 6/1/20

Chiefly
Issue

Boss 6-1-20

CSS 18/1/20

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To
The Dy of Agriculture—
The Inspector General of Police
The Fd Controller
The Secy to Govt, L & A
" Dy Comr Chittagong
The Comptr.
G. 16119-24 Dy. 15-1-20

Reinstates S. Rangasami in Service on Rs 46 in the grade 30-4-50 the period he has been out of employ being regarded as term spent under Suspension and directs that the past service of the Official do Count for pension

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH.
17 JAN. 1920

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
II
SECRETARIAL BRANCH.
06 JUL 1919

DIARY NO. 1032

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Departments of Education and Agriculture,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

With reference to the Government Order No. G.27366-7/ p.p. 41-18-35 of 5th June 1919 dismissing me from service in respect of certain irregularities found in the purchase of Jola for seed purposes at Davanagere I beg to request that the Government may be pleased to reconsider my case as I have been punished for no fault of mine.

The purchase of Bilijola seeds on a large scale was undertaken by me as per instructions of the Assistant Director of Agriculture in Mysore, Shimoga from the month of August 1918 till the end of December 1918. During the above period a total quantity of 314 pallas costing Rs.6000/- were purchased including 175 pallas at Davanagere between the rates ranging from Rs.13½ to 25 per palla of 100 seers (Vide Encl. 1). When the high rates prevailing was brought to the notice of the Assistant Director of Agriculture he instructed me to purchase at any cost as there was immediate need for the same. (Vide Enc 2.)

2. On 21-11-18 a wire was received by me from the Assistant Director of Agriculture instructing me to purchase 200 pallas of Jola seeds. A telegraph reply which was confirmed by me on 22-11-18 in the memo No. 397 was sent stating that 200 pallas were not available as the season had terminated a long ago. (Vide E1 Again a D.O. No. 699 dated 27-11-18 was received by me from the Assistant Director Shimoga informing me that people were bringing from Davanagere any quantity of seed Jola at 25Rs.per palla and instructing me to purchase 500 pallas at the above rate. In reply to the above D.O. No. 699 (Encl. 4) two replies were submitted stating that as the sowing season had already ended

ended good seed Jola could not be had at Davanagere (Vide encl. 5& 6). Again on the 7th December 1918 a memo No. 782 dated 6th December 1918 was received by me directing that any amount of good seed Jola was still available and I must try my level best to purchase and transport the seed (Vide Encl. 7).

3. From the above facts it is plain that I did not take any initative either in going over to Davanagere or in purchasing the seeds at that late hour. Though I tried my level best to avoid purchasing at that late season and at the then high rates, I wascompelled to go there to make purchases in spite of my repeated report to the effect that good seed Jola was not available at Davanagere. Being fully aware of the troubles of procuring seed Jola at sowing season I even brought to the notice of the Director and Assistant Director in my memo No. 647 dated 15th April 1918 the necessity of making arrangements during the harvesting time to purchase and store bilijola seeds that might be needed for distribution at a future date. (Vide Enc 8.)

4. On the 8th December 1918 according to the instructions contained in the memo. No. 782 dated 6th December 1918 of the Assistant Director (Encl. 7), I went to Davangere from Chitaldroog and on the 9th a wire was sent to Assistant Director stating that 175 pallas have been purchased at Rs.20/- and requesting him to send money and also to wire for license and priority certificates. (Vide Encl. 9) On the 9th alone after accepting my quotation the Assistant Director sent me a contingent bill for Rs.3500/- to purchase and transport Jola to the various places mentioned in his memo No. 746 dated 9th December 1918. (Vide Encl.10)

5. As the local authorities would not permit me to export the seed without the permission of the Food-Controller I went to Shimoga to see the Assistant Director and represent in person all the difficulties that were in my way to purchase the seed at Davanagere. From Shimoga I went to Bangalore with the Assistant Director to see the Director and represent all the difficulties.

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I returned from Bangalore to Davanagere on the 11th December 1918 with a copy of the Food-Controller memo No. 650 dated 5/7 th Dec. 1918 (Vide Encl. 11) to show to the Deputy Commissioner who had already left Davanagere to Chitaldroog by the time I returned from Bangalore. On my return to Davanagere I came to know that the merchant with whom I had settled to purchase 175 pallas, was purchasing from the man from whom I subsequently purchased thus making a heavy porfit. In order to avoid this intermediate transaction I went straight to the owner and settled to purchase the Jola at Rs.16-8-0 which was reported to Assistant Director of Agriculture immediately on 17th December 1918. (Vide Enc 12) A copy of the letter No. 344 dated 17th December 1918 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture to the Director was sent to me for my information, Vide Enc 13. in which the Assistant Director wrote to the Director stating that he had asked me to purchase 175 pallas at Rs.20/- and requesting the Director to send in money. In the above memo also he did not write that he had asked me to purchase at the commandeering rate, while as a matter of fact I actually stated that I purchased at Rs.16-8-0 per palla. (Vide Enc 12)

6. As regards the objection raised by the Assistant Superintendent Of Police at Davanagere that I did not obtain the countersignature of the Deputy Commissioner for the priority certificate, it is not necessary as stated by the Food-Controller in his letter No. 650 dated 5/7th December 1918. (Vide Enc 11) and so the bags were sent to the Station direct. It is on this account the Police Superintendent remarked that the transaction was suspicious. I am however not aware of the reasons therefor.

7. As regards the objection that the seeds purchased by me were not good I beg to state that when I reported to the Assistant Director orally during my visit to Shimoga on 9th December 1 that seeds should be tested as to their germinating capacity, I was informed that there was no time to observe all these formalities and should be guided by the physical test only such as size, colour and smell of the seeds. Depending on the physic

physical test in the absence of scientific test I selected and purchased the best seed possible that were available at that time. Even though I have no evidence on record to show the kind of instructions given to me in the case of jola I beg to point out the same kind of instructions given in the case of ragi purchased by me subsequently. (Vide enclosures 14.15,16,17,18 & 19). The Food Controller himself has said in his tour report No.1,578/1 dated 28th December 1918 that jola was purchased out of 293 bags of good seed (Vide enclosure 20). The statement that the seeds purchased by me were not good was an exaggeration on the part of the rival merchants and Foodstuff Committee made without actually examining the seeds purchased by me. Even the Assistant Superintendent of Police does not say anything about the condition of the seeds in his Diary when he inspected the bags that were in the goods shed. He records the opinion of the rival merchants as given by them. If the seeds as reported by the Superintendent of Police were not good and unfit for seed purposes the cultivators who are very shrewed in selecting their own seeds would not have purchased the same at four seers per rupee to an extent of 70 pallas. As the season for sowing had already terminated it was not possible to sell the remaining quantity. In most of the places where the particular seeds were sown I was informed that the seeds had germinated and the cultivators had good crops.

8. If my dismissal from service is for want of technical knowledge in selection of seeds I beg to submit that a low germination is by no means unusual in seed jola. Of the twenty-seven samples tested by *Dr.Harald.H.Mann and his Assistants, three were found very badly weeviled and excluded from account. And of the rest eleven were found to have germination of 10 to 20 per cent. The seed which I purchased was very superior seeing that it had a germination of 30 to 40 per cent and even more, and that too at a time when all the

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all the seed stock had, as I repeatedly represented to the Assistant Director of Agriculture being practically exhausted (vide Land and Labour in a Deccan Village by Dr. Harold H. Mann and his Assistants, page 82). If the Government is not pleased to accept the authority given by me they may be pleased to consult any expert in the jola growing country through out India.

9. In this connection I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government that from the very beginning I was ascautious and as careful as was humanly possible in the emergency in which I was placed by the Assistant Director to purchase Jola from Davangere at that late season even though he knew I could not get good seed. I was reporting repeatedly that delay in exporting the seeds would affect the quality of the seed as this ought not to be kept exposed for any length of time.

10. As regards the statement made by the Assistant Superintendent that the transaction is open to grave suspection I beg to submit that I have not concealed anything without bringing it to the notice of my Officer which fact will be known by a mere perusal of the records enclosed herewith It is the Assistant Director that had fixed the rate. I have acted, in every detail, according to his instructions. Even though I had definite instruction to pay higher rate I have paid only Rs.16-8-0. Thus I have throughout tried to reduce the rate lower than what was fixed by my superior and acted in the interest of Government.

11. The very fact that Halappa the contractor from whom I purchased the seed at Rs.16-8-0 per palla, subsequently bought it at Rs.18/- per palla is proof positive that I could not have been duped and much less could have made any profit for myself. If it is alleged that Halappa repurchased the stock to escape prosecution it is respectfully submitted that he would have paid only amount actually received by him and not Rs.1-8-0 per palla extra aggregating Rs 262 odd which itself goes to show that there was no underhand dealing.

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12. The facts of the case being as narrated above I am not awa/re that my superiors would have recommended my dismissal from service for my having taken all precautions in selections of seeds in paying rates and in obeying their orders.

In the end I respectfully beg that the Government will be graciously pleased to kindly reconsider their orders directing my dismissal and restore me in my appointment and thus save me from the stigma.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Rangaswamy

Bangalore,

14th July 1919.

Address.

S. Rangaswamy,

No. [redacted]8, Second Road, Chamarajapet,

Bangalore City. /

Enclosure No 1.

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Statement showing the purchase ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of Bilijola seeds.

No.	Date of purchase.	Place from where Jola was purchased.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.
			Pallas.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
1.	22-8-18	Gulal	17½	13/8	229 8 0
2.	11-9-18	Burjanaroppa.	6	18/-	108 0 0
3.	28-9-18	Medekerepura	7	25/-	175 0 0
4.	29-9-18	Pandrahalli.	1	25/-	25 0 0
5.	10-10-18	Siddavvanhalli	24	25/-	600 0 0
6.	12-10-18	Gulal	12	22/8	270 0 0
7	18-11-18	Do.	12	22/8	270 0 0
8.	28-11-18	Do.	18	22/8	405 0 0
9.	9-12-18	Do.	42	"	945 0 0
10.	19-12-18	Davanagere	175	16/8	2887 8 0
		Total	314		5915 0 0

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No 2

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Enclosure No.

Letter No.411 dated 30-9-18 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga

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I am certainly ~~disappoin~~ disappointed with your work in connection with the purchase of Jola. You must try every nerve of yours to get as much jola as you can and relieve the distressed and famine stricken ryots of our Division. I am applying to the Food Controller to get priority passes and you will be able to send all the consignments without any difficulty. You will be doing not only your duty but also a social service to our country men, if you will please buy all the jola and get it transported to Holalkere. Send all your men forthwith work if necessary. Let it cost what it will.

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"EXTRACT."

Enclosure No 3

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No.397

Chitaldrug,
22-11-18

Submitted,

Beg to confirm the telegram sent on 21st November 1918 regarding Bilijola seeds.

"Season over 200 not available, Making enquiries available quantity will be despatched"

Sd. S.Rangasami.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 4.

Letter No.699 dated 27th November 1918 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga, to S.Rangasami, Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug District.

I have sent Shama Rao now working as fieldman in the Shimoga District with a view to help you in bringing seed to Holalkere. Kindly see the Deputy Commissioner and obtain from him personally permission to take seed from Harihar to Honnali and Shimoga. I want you also to find out how much of seed jola isavailable at Davanagere and other places. I hear that thousands of people are bringing seed jola from Davanagere at 4 seers per rupee. If this be true you can buy any quantity up to 500 pallas and I shall let you know the various destinations to which the same should be despatched. You must report tome every three days as to the purpose you achieve in obtaining seed i.e. 500 pallas of jola 20 pallas of Navane, 400 pallas of Halubbalu paddy and 20 pallas of transplanted ragi. You can telegraph for money whenever you want. If necessary I shall place Rs.1000/- at your disposal at once provided you are sure to spend in a short time.

" C O P Y."

P.S.

I have also requested the Deputy Commissioner to instruct all the Amildars to allow the Department to take away any grain for purposes of seed. Kindly also find out if the instruction has been issued.

Enclosure No. 5

Report No.413 dated 29th November 1918 to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

In continuation of this office No.410 dated 27th November 1918 regarding the purchase of jola, Navane and ragi seeds, I beg to state that the stock of seed jola in the villages have all been exhausted Any quantity of jola ~~xx~~ stored in "Hagav" can be had at Rs.16/- per palla . If the Hagavu stored seed are needed for sowing arrangements will be made to despatch them immediately to Holalkere. Definite instructions may kindly be issued for my further ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ guidance.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 6.

Report No.414 dated 29-11-19 to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga

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With reference to his D.O.No.699/I dated 27th November 1918 informing me that Jola is available at Davanagere and other places I beg to state so far my knowledge goes that seed jola is not available at Davanagere. Any amount of 'Hagaev' Jola can be had at Davangere I do not know whether it can serve ~~xxx~~ our purpose. If the same is needed I run up immediately to despatch them. An early reply is solicited.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No; 7

Memo No.782/I dated 6th December 1918 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

In drawing the attention of Agricultural Inspector, Chitaldrug District to this office No.699 dated 27-11-18 requesting him to submit every three days report of his progress in purchasing and transporting jola seeds, He is requested to report by return post what quantity of jola and Navane he has got ready for despatch and what arrangements he has made for the purchase of the remaining quantity of jola. The undersigned is reliably informed that any amount of seed jola is still available at Davanagere. He has not reported about the purchase of Navane. As the parties are pressing for this grain also he must try his level best to purchase it and intimate at once. The undersigned regrets to note that Mr. Rangasami does not seem to have put his heart in this work if the same slackness as now continues things will be upset and produce disastrous results and Mr. Rangasami is sure to get into serious trouble.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 8

Report No.647 dated 15th April 1918 from the Chitaldrug District Agricultural Inspector from Davanagere Camp to the ~~[illegible]~~ Director of Agriculture, ~~Shimoga~~ Bangalore.

In continuation of my No.639 dated 11th April 1918 regarding the purchase of five pallas of seed jola for Mysore District for distribution I beg to report that seed jola cannot be had now at this season as the sowing season commences in these parts during the month of June and July. If previous arrangements had been made during the harvesting time we could have procured any quantity, We are now in need of. As the cultivators themselves make their own seeds, the merchants who deal in grains are not in the habit of storing any seed jola for sowing purposes and those cultivators who have preserved seeds sufficient for their own use will never open the recepticle in which the seeds are stored till the sowing season commences as the seeds would be attacked by weevils when once the seeds are exposed to the air. I enquired in the whole of Davanagere market but I was not able to procure them. Any quantity of seeds that had been stored in the underground pits can be had in the market but the cultivators say that they are useless for sowing purposes.

In this connection I beg your permission to suggest that if jola seeds are needed for distribution at some future date arrangements should be made during the harvesting season to procure good and selected seed. If that time is missed it will be very difficult to procure the seeds. Now the threshingof Bili jola crop is going on in these parts. If any quantity is needed for distribution in the Mysore District during the hingar rains instructions may kindly be given now alone to purchase good seeds prepared out of selected ear heads.

Copy of the No.647 dated 15-4-18 Camp Davanagere submitted to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

" C O P Y."

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Enclosure No. 9

Telegram dated 9th December 1918 from the Agricultural Inspector Davanagere Camp to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

Beg to confirm the following telegram sent to-day to your office:-

"Agricultural Assistant Director, Shimoga. 175 pallas jola purchased 20/- Send money. Wire for license priority certificate, Wagons coming Shimoga tomorrow.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 10

Memo No.796/Enc.One dated 9th December 1918 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

Reference - His telegram dated 9th December from Davanagere.

Abstract contingent Bill No. XIX dated 8th December 1918 for a sum of Rs.3500/- drawn in his favour on the Davanagere Taluk Treasury is herewith sent. The date of encashment should at once be intimated.

The 175 pallas of Jola may be despatched thus.-

The Agricultural Inspector,	Shimoga	-	115 pallas.
do.	Chickamagalur		25 "
do.	Hassan.	-	10 "
The Deputy Director of Agriculture,	Bangalore		25 "

All the consignment should be sent prepaid. All vouchers should always be below Rs.500/- Priority passes have been applied and will reach him day after tomorrow.

" C O P Y.

Enclosure No. //.

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Letter No.650 dated 5/7th December 1918 from the Food Controller in Mysore, Bangalore to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District.

With reference to your letter of the 29th November 1918 to the Assistant Directorof Agriculture, Shimoga, a copy of which has been received by me through the Revenue Commissioner in which you say that without the permission of the Food Controller seed jola required by the Agricultural Department cannot be transported from Harihar to Shimoga, I have the honor to state that the Government have in their Order No.10487-546/P.P.41-18-6 dated 4th December 1918 directed that seed grains required or purchased by the Department of Agriculture should be allowed to be transported from place to place within the State without obstructions. I have therefore the honor to request thatinstructions may be issued to all concerned to allow such consignments as certified by an officer of the Agricultural Department to pass freely without the necessity of a transport permit from the Food Controller. The Director of Civil Supplies will issue priority certificates forthe transport of such consignments by rail on requisitions made to him direct by the Director of Agriculture.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 12

Report letter of 17-12-18 from Davanagere Camp to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

With reference to your D.O. dated 14-12-18 instructing me to try to reauce the seed price to Rs.15/- I beg to report that the merchant with whom there are 300 pallas is not willing to part less than 6 seers per rupee. At this rate a palla will cost Rs.16-8-0

I am glad to inform you that with greatest amount of difficulty I was able to reduce the price of 175 pallas of jola to Rs.16-8-0 from Rs.20/- which was original price settled by me with the merchant He is not willing to sell less than Rs.16-8-0 I have informed him that definite reply will be given only getting orders fromyou, I request to treat this as urgent and to issue orders permitting me to purchase at Rs.16-8-0

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 13

Letter No.344 dated 17-12-1918 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga to the Director of Agriculture, Bangalore.

With reference to your Nos.1063 and 1074 dated 13th and 14th December 1918 advising remittances of Rs.2000/- to S.Rangasami and Rs.400/- to B.Srinivasa Rao, I have the honour to report that S.Rangasami has already got measured 250 pallas of jola at Rs.20/- per palla at Davanagere and for this he requires a sum of Rs.5000/- Moreover he has been asked to purchase another 225 pallas cost of which may come to about Rs.4050/- at the rate of Rs.18/- per palla. In addition to these he has to meet the railway freight etc. on these quantities for which he may require about Rs.500/- Thus it is clear that a sum of Rs.9550/- is quite essential to meet all these costs. I therefore request a further sum of Rs.7550/- in addition to the Rs.2000/- sent already may kindly be got remitted to him immediately As he cannot be allowed to stop at Davanagere alone to the prejudice of his other more important other work I beg that immediate compliance may be ordered. No futher money need be sent to B.Srinivasa Rao. As regards paddy I beg to state that Mr.K.M. Gururaja Rao, Farm Manager, Hiriyur has been requested to purchase and supply 400 pallas of Halubbalu paddy at Rs.13/- per palla. Thus the total cost of the paddy come to Rs.5200/- In addition to this he requires a sum of Rs.800/- towards the cost of bags and incidental charges such as carthire, cooly etc.

I have already sent him Rs.3300/- to meet these charges; thus it is clear he need a further sum of Rs.2700/- which I request may kindly be remitted to him direct at a very early date.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No. 14

Letter No.1406 dated 6-4-19 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

Your No.832 dated 3-4-19. The sample of seed sent ~~xx~~ by you is very good. I am afraid you will only be wasting your time in putting such seed for germinating test. I cannot say anything about the rate. If the local rate is so high, we have by all means to pay Rs.15/- per palla. Try to obtain an evidence to show that the local rate was Rs.18/- and that it could not be purchased for less. Buy the seed if you are satisfied that the price is fair in every way. If for every seed that you purchase I have to approve of the sample and the rate, the business will be hung up unnecessarily. The matter at Holenarsipura, Channarayapatna and the Mysore District is of life and death. We have no time to play games and rediculously observe formalities. I shall try to run up to Chitaldrug if possible the day after tomorrow. I have already told you about rate personally. I even said that I had brought face to face with the Agricultural Inspector who is willing to sell the seeds at 4 seers per rupee if things come to such a pitch.

"C O P Y." / Extract

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Enclosure.No./5

Letter No.406 dated 6-4-49 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

It is impossible to issue instructions regarding rate from Shimoga. If the local rate has gone up higher prices will have to be paid within reasonable limits. The seed has to be got any how. If it cannot be got within Rs.14/- or 15/- as the undersigned anticipated a rate of Rs.18/- has to be paid. It is impossible to shift responsibility on the undersigned who being faraway from the purchasing spot cannot ~~ex~~ judge whether a rate is high or low. If it is impossible to secure the seed even at Rs.18/- and the local rate is something higher, a higher rate will have to be paid. If more reasonable rates are demanded the help of the Revenue Authorities may be sought. If 100 pallas of seed that is really available cannot be purchased for a reasonable price, the existence of the Department itself is useless.

"COPY." & Enclosure

Enclosure to

Report No.843 dated 5-4-19 from Chitaldrug to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

Beg to report that 422 seers of Nati ragi seeds were despatched to Hassan from here for distribution. Till now no further quantity have been secured. Arrangements are being made to send the seeds as soon as they are purchased. In the meanwhile I request that you may be pleased to instruct me the rate at which I have to purchase as it is not possible to get the seeds at the uniform rate Some of the samples brought by the fieldmen from the village were rejected as they did not germinate properly. It is very difficult to get the seeds of high germinating capacity. Every single seed will have to be tested before striking the bargain. Unnecessary delay will cause in finding out the germinating capacity of the seeds. The delay in this case is unavoidable. 100 pallas indented for cannot be supplied

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Reply memo No.1407-9 dated 6th April 1919 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

The undersigned is not at all satisfied with the work of the Agricultural Inspectors of Chitaldrug in the matter of collection of ragi seeds. From enquiries at Chitaldrug, the undersigned was able to find out that people were willing to take up contract for supplying 100 pallas of Nati ragi seeds. Doddalinga Naik of Hiriyur said that he would be able to supply more than 20 to 30 pallas in a day or two. The undersigned does not know what difficulty there is in securing seed that is really available. Rangasamis No.843 dated 5th April seems to be most funny. It ought to be possible to find out by sight whether a lot of seed is good ar bad. For instance the Bommenhalli seed is unexceptional.

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Enclosure No. 17

Letter No.1341 dated 24-3-19 from the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

Your D.O. from Molakalmuru is only a story which will not surely do when matters of life and death are concerned. By hook or crook or by every means, in your power, you must collect as much natragi as possible. 1500 acres are now ready in the Hemavati and the water has been flowing for the past ~~fa~~ one fortnight for nothing. Try and get as much as you can and get it despatched in lots as you go on collecting. The dilatory method you suggest is of no use. If you possess no influence and plead inability to buy ragi, I am afraid the Agricultural Department has existed for no purpose in the Chitaldrug District. If you are unmindful of this business, the prestige of the Department will itself get shaken. I do not care if you suspend allother business and all of you and your fieldmen attend exclusively to the collection of ragi seeds. Even if you get a bag it does not matter. Do try and collect seed and get it despatched at once.

I shall also request the Offg.Director to write to the Deputy Commissioner. I have written to the Deputy Commissioner also.

" C O P Y."

Enclosure No.18

Report dated 23-3-19 from Camp Talak, to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

In continuation of my letter dated 22-3-19 Camp Molakalmuru, I beg to report that I visited today, Talak, Valse, Thimmanhalli, Channaganhalli villages of Challakere Taluk and enquired after Natiragi seeds which are needed by us. The seeds are available only at Channaganahalli about 100 seers at 4 seers per rupee. Even to collect that quantity we have to go from door to door. The cultivators of Jagalur Taluk are purchasing the seed ragi at 4 seers per ruppe We have to test the germination capacity of the seeds belore we purchase. If you approve of this rate arrangements will be made to purchase the seed. It is not possible to get uniform of colour of seed when we purchase in small quantities from individual cultivatore.

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"EXTRACT."

Enclosure No. 19

Report No.nil dated 22-3-19 from Molakalmuru Camp to the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Shimoga.

With reference to your D.O. dated 19th March 1919 regarding Nat ragi seeds, I beg to state that ragi seeds are not available in such a large quantity as 50 to 60 pallas in the Challakere and Hiriyur taluks. Each cultivator has reserved about 5 to 10 seers of seed ragi for his own use and we have want to take some portion out of that quantity. Ragi has become gold in these parts. It is not at all available in large quantity. Revenue authorities having power in their hands are unable to get the ragi for human consumption. We can get the quantity we require only through the co-operation of the Revenue Authorities. The necessity for the seed ragi in the other parts of the State may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner and requests may be made to issue necessary instructions to all the taluk authorities of Challekere, Hiriyur and molakalmure to supply seed ragi to the Department. If this humble suggestion of mine is approved, much time and money are saved to the Government and the collection of seed can be done in a very speedy manner. In these distress time the cultivators are not willing to part with their seeds either for love or money, Unless some external pressure is thurst on them to part with their seeds. I will also use my influence in the villages and try to get as much as possible. The success of collection of ragi seeds will depend mainly on the whims and fancies of the cultivators. During the Naikanahatti conference I had a talk with the Patels and Shanbogues of the various villages about the seed ragi and they all of them unanimously declared their inability to supply seed ragi. In the end I beg your permission to impress on the necessity to get the help from the revenue authorities.

" C O P Y."

(Enclosure 20) 50

Extract from the Tour Report of the Food Controller in Mysore of 22nd December 1918 from Camp Davanagere.

On enquiry it is found that the Association or its local agent has not been dealing fairly with the local authorities. They proposed to give to the local food stuffs' Committee a portion of their jola which was inferior and practically unfit for human consumption and although they finally agreed to give up good jola they put various obstacles and difficulties and caused innumerable delays with the result that the quantity promised to be handed over could not be taken. It now transpires that out of the 293 bags promised to be given up about 175 pallas have been sold to the Agricultural Department at a fabulous rate of Rs.16/- per palla while the maximum wholesale sale rate is Rs.8-8-0. It is surprising that the Agricultural Inspector should have purchased Jola which is regarded as almost unfit for human consumption for seed purposes at this exorbitant rate. The local authorities say that they could easily have supplied much better seed grains at about half the price. The Deputy Commissioner supposes to prosecute the Agent of the Association for his illegal transaction.

" C O P Y."

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT)

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Signed by.....

Section N.P. 141

File No. 141

Serial No.

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No.

To The Director of Agri-
-culture in Mysore

Sir,

In continuation of Govt ad
No G 27366-7/O.S 41-18-35
dt 5th June 1919 I am
directed to forward
herewith for favour of
your remarks - a petition dt
14th June 1919 from S.
Rangasami & Agriculture

In D
next file

over.

Inspection - Checking progress

for consideration of Govt

in directn among other matters this

clear of discrepancies

from service -

Name etc

Bros
1-8-19
Relieving Officer

List of enclosures

Signed by.

W D A497—GPB—500—14-9-17

Telegraphic Address
"Agri., Bangalore."

DIARY NO. 4434

CHIEF SECRETARY'S POLITICAL BRANCH
8-SEP.1919

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

Bangalore
September 2, 1919

No. 1634/C.289

FROM

LESLIE C. COLEMAN, ESQ., M.A., PH.D.,

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE IN MYSORE,

BANGALORE.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H. H.

the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.G.2642/P.P.41-18-41 of the 1st August 1919 and subsequent reminder, I have the honour to state that I have personally questioned the petitioner S.Rangaswami and have gone through the files connected with his case. He undoubtedly had to work under difficult conditions as had most of the staff at that time, when there was a very large demand on all sides for seed and the difficulties in the way of procuring it were very great. He had probably more responsible work in the way of purchasing seed than any other Inspector in the Department.

2. The previous record of S.Rangaswami is a good one. One of the first batch of students from the Hebbal School, he was early put in charge of demonstration work in Chitaldrug District. He has done good work there more especially with reference to the extension of sugarcane cultivation in new areas. His work throughout has been reported as satisfactory by his superior officer and I myself had formed a favourable opinion of him during my inspections in the Chitaldrug District.

3. The charge that he had purchased jola for seed

seed purposes which was unfit for human consumption has not, as far as I can see from the records, been substantiated. The most serious point against him is his incorrect statement with regard to the controlled price of jola seed at Davanagere at the time of the purchase and I am prepared to recommend that he be given the benefit of the doubt here.

4. I feel that dismissal is an extremely severe punishment and have the honour, respectfully to recommend that his case be reconsidered by Government and that the proposals submitted by the Officiating Director with regard to him be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Agriculture.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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Date of issue 6/9/19

Signed by for A.D.R

Section

File No.

Serial No.

No. 15933

To

The Director of Agricul
in Myso

Sir, With reference to you
letter no 1631/C.282 g 2.9.19
~~Recommending~~ I am direct
to request that the petition of
S. Rangaswami forwarded u
this office letter no ~~[illegible]~~ g.264
A.A. 41-18-419 1.8.19, may kin
be returned.

I have etc

for Chief

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DIARY NO. 5640

W D A497—GPB—500—14-9-17

Telegraphic Address
"Agri., Bangalore."

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

Bangalore,

September 10, 1919

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FROM

LESLIE C. COLEMAN, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.,

Director of Agriculture in Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H. H.

the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.5933 of the 6th instant I have the honour to return herewith the petition of S. Rangaswami as requested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Agriculture.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 15/1/2

Signed by M Bhat

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

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iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

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Para 5 (g)

Read— (Govt order no G 2 37 66-71 P-P 41-18-35 dy 5th June 19 directing that S. Ran-gasami, Asst: Inspector Chitaldroog be dismiss-from service in connection with certain irregularities in the purchase of Jola by him

Order Thereon—No

(2) Memorial dy 14th July 1 of S. Rangasami pra

for a reconsideration of the
order read above.
(3) Correspondence Ending
with letter no 1786/C282 of
the 10th Dec 1919 from the
Dr of Agriculture in Mysore
on the Subject

Order

On further consi-
-deration Govt are
pleased to direct that the memorialist,
S. Rangasami, ~~reported to be~~
be reinstated in service, on Rs 46/- in the grade 30-4-50,
the period he has been out of employ
~~already elapsed~~ term spent-
being regarded as under
suspension. ~~and will be~~
~~be reduced by the Govt~~

List of enclosures.

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2. Govt further declare under
Art 284 M.S.R that the period
service of this Official do count
for pension.

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Chief Secy
Adv
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To The Dr of Agriculture
The Dy of Police
The Fd Controller
The Secy to Govt E.A

The Dy Com[r] Chitradurg
The Comptroller